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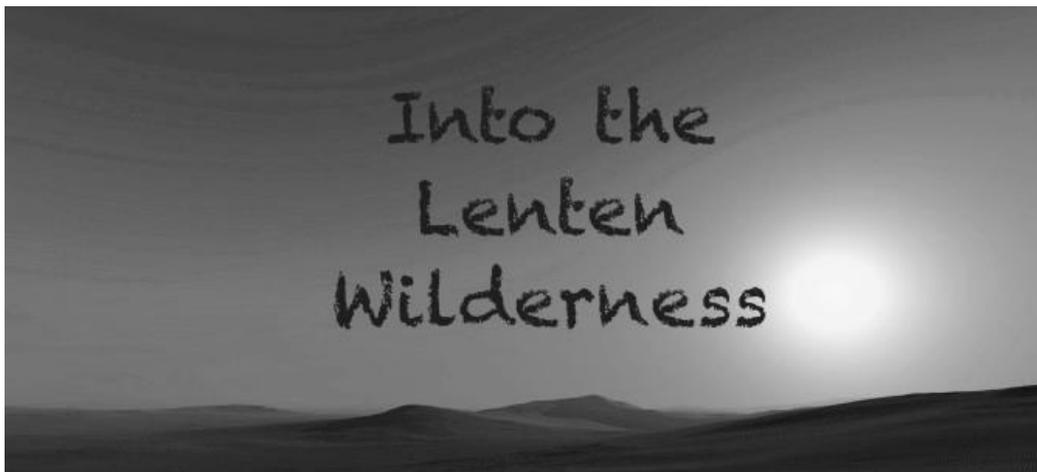
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This is Our Story: Rescued Through Water



"Working together to feed God's people mind, body and spirit"



Reflection

"Mysteries are not dark shadows, before which we must shut our eyes and be silent. On the contrary, they are dazzling splendours, with which we out to satisfy our gaze."



Pre-service Music and Welcome

GATHERING

We acknowledge this sacred land on which Kimbourne Park United Church operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit. The territory was the subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory.

Video: Everything You Need To Know Before LENT

MV 118 "Me Alone"

Entry into the Celebration

One: Let us acknowledge the awesome mystery embodied in every person.

ALL: Through us God comes to unique and personal expression.

One: Let us give thanks for the abundance of life on this earth.

ALL: Through it we and all people may be nourished.

Lighting of Community Candle

***Carol:** Fire is your sacrament, O God, fire is sacred.*

The candle is lit.

We light this flame to affirm that new light is ever waiting to break through to enlighten our ways: that new truth is ever waiting to break through to illumine our minds, and that new love is ever waiting to break through to warm our hearts. C.A.

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Response

One: Out of nothingness we came through birth into life:

ALL: With the Spirit of God within us.

One: From the life of God the universe unfolded into being

ALL: With the Spirit of God within it.

One: From the heart of God creation goes on till the end of time

ALL: With the Spirit of God within it and with our spirit within it.

One: Let us embrace the God who enfolds us

ALL: We delight in God.

MV 98 "Like a River of Tears"

The Peace

One: Let us take a moment to celebrate each other. The peace of God is here to stay.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Invitation to the Children to Come Forward

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to sit on the steps.

Video: 40 Days of Lent

MV 189 "Jesus, We Are Here"

CENTERING

Cathie: A World of Blessing Keri Wehlander

This is the wilderness time,
when every path is obscure
and thorns have grown around the words of hope.
Be the wings of our strength, O God,
in this time of wilderness waiting.

This is the time of stone, not bread,
when even the sunrise feels uncertain
and everything tastes of bitterness.
Be the Wings of our strength, O God,
in this time of wilderness waiting.

This is the time of ashes and dust,
when darkness clothes our dreams
and no star shines a guiding light.
Be the wings of our strength, O God,
in this time of wilderness waiting.

This is the time of treading life,
waiting for the swells to subside
and for the chaos to clear.
Be the wings of our strength, O God,
in this time of wilderness waiting.

Meditative Music: David

EXPLORING

Readings from our biblical tradition

World Around Us: "Creation Psalm" Adapted John Polhill. Eggs and Ashes

Carol: *Creativity God,*

*we offer our praise for the joy creation brings to our hearts:
and the fascination as we seek to understand
and use new, gentler technologies.*

Nicole: We are worried that everything we do
seems to spoil the beauty of nature;

for every gain we make from technology
there seems to be a resultant damage to nature.

Carol: *We are afraid the economic drives of
individuals and corporations will be stronger
than the voices of those who want to follow a sustainable lifestyle,
and the consequences will be an
irreversible environmental disaster.*

We offer our thanks

*for the freedom to choose how to live;
for the model of living Jesus gives us.*

Nicole: We celebrate there are people who care
and campaign about environmental issues:
scientists, business people, politicians.

And all who work to make sustainability more possible.

Carol: *May we be helped to delight in letting creation be itself,
to delight in the extra effort it takes to live sustainably,
and to have a greater sense of your Presentness
when we choose the gentler path.*

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Jesus Christ. Glory to your name.

Cantor: *No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.*

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13 Inclusive Text

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for 40 days.

During that time Jesus ate nothing and at the end was famished.

Then the devil said, 'If you are the One born of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.'

But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: No one lives on bread alone.'

Then leading Jesus to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the nations of the world and said, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these for it has been committed to me, and I give it to anyone I choose.

'Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.'

But Jesus answered, 'Scripture says: you must worship your God, whom alone you must serve.'

Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the One born of God', the devil said, 'throw yourself down from

here, for Scripture says, "God will put angels in charge of you to guard you," and again, "On their hands they will bear you up in case you will hurt your foot against a stone".

But Jesus answered the devil, "It has been said, "You must not put your God to the test".

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting Jesus, the devil left to return at a more opportune time.

Video: Sweet Honey in The Rock: Wade in the Water

Contemporary Word: This is Our Story: Rescued Through Water

Solo: MV 65 "When We Are Tested"

Offertory Invitation

One: Company is coming. What do you have to offer? Time? Talent? Money? Give so others might experience God here in this tent and beyond our front door.

VU 115 "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

OFFERTORY

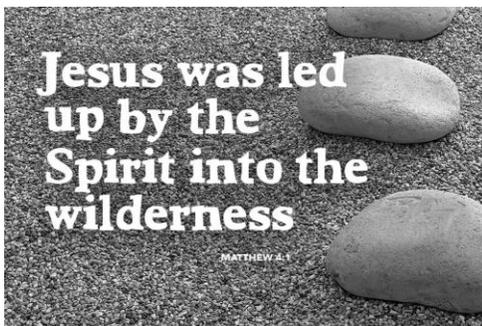
Offertory Prayer

ALL: We have given so that others might experience the good news as told through the stories and witnesses of Jesus Christ. Use all that we give towards support of one another and to the larger world. Amen! May this be so!

CELEBRATING/AFFIRMING

Prayers of the People

VU 959 "The Lord's Prayer"



SCATTERING

Announcements

Words of Mission

One: Let us embrace the wonder of this week with expectation and imagination...

The candle is extinguished.

Now may our wisdom show itself in deeds of compassion and in acts of understanding.

ALL: May the fruits of the spirit be apparent in our lives and lead us into ever deepening relationships with all of life. Adapt. PR Giles
G. G. Brooks

MV 209 "Go, Make a Diff'rence"

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. (2X)

Blessing Words

One: May the love that gives to life its beauty, the reverence that gives to life its sacredness, and the purposes that give to life its deep significance be strong within each of us

VU 969 "Amen, Amen, Amen"

Postlude

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Board Meeting

Monday March 18 @7:30 PM in the Jessie Scott room.



Games Night is the 2ND Saturday of each month. The next Games Night is **Saturday April 13** 5:00-10:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

THE NEXT ACTION SUNDAY is MARCH 17

KPUC's commitment to food justice is ACT!ON SUNDAY. It is not instead of worship but rather how we worship on the third Sunday of every month. Being part of the KPUC community means that you are part of making ACT!ON SUNDAY a success.

Let's work together to feed our neighbours like family!



*Remember that you are stardust
and to stardust
you will return...*